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Russo is a political scientist, an expert on the Kennedy administration and on what he says are its errors like a child reading the backs of cereal boxes is an expert on sports. That is the grim reality, which as we have seen, is the exact opposite of Russo's proud but ignorant boast. This is underscored by what is included in a book that came out the year after his did. His title is The Kennedys and Cuba. It was by the British scholar, Mark J. White. It was published in Chicago by Ivan R. Dee. The subtitle, also informative, is "The Declassified Documentary History." In this White says that all the official records he uses, and his book is composed of his selection of a much greater volume of official records, were not classified.

Or, they were all readily available to those phoniest of self-described scholars like Russo, from the public sources White cites: "the State Department, the Kennedy Library, private papers and the Assassination Records Review Board."

White, whose field is not music, is an authentic professional scholar. He is "Lecturer in American History at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London." White's baccalaurate studies were at the University of Nottingham. His graduate work was not in England but at the University of Wisconsin and at Rutgers, where he received his doctorate. His prior publications on this subject and broadly, on United States foreign policy, include Missiles in Cuba and The Cuban Missile Crisis. He is also editor of Kennedy: The New Frontier Revisited.

White is an authentic scholar, a professional scholar, a legitimate and a professional expert on United States foreign policy and on Cuba and the United States. This is all the reason Russo needs for not mentioning his name or his respected and authoritative work in 617 pages. A here

White is not a partisan, as Russo is, nor does he begin with any invalid and ignorant preconceptions, as Russo also did. In his own way white is critical of the Kennedys and of the Kennedy administration but his criticism is on what is foreign to that

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With only 617 pages, of which eleven are of alleged bibliography, and with the urgent scholarly necessity of including such eminent scholars and other experts and their works, like Hubie Badeaux and his The Underworld of Sex and Donald Bain's indispensible "The Control of Candy Jones," which was from that Olympus of serious scholarship, the Playboy Press, naturally Russo had no space for real and professional expertise and respected scholarship." Like Whites

Those McCone memos on his conferences at the White House on Cuba and Cuban matters, the existing memos the CIA said it did not have and the Archives said it could not find, were, to a degree, public and White uses them in the book that, to Russo, did not exist. If McCone had any knowledge of any instructions to the CIA to assassinate Castro, he certainly would, in his own interest and in that of the CIA, have made a ~~pre~~ record to for protection if not also for other reasons. If any such memo existed, White would not have ignored them.

A phony pretended scholar and expert, no lies story, an Russo.

It was not physically possible to include all the official records ~~he~~ White used in his study but his book is made up largely, almost entirely, ~~with~~ of verbatim reproduction of what he selected as fair and important. official records only:

While the few official records White uses of the Kennedy-Castro negotiations aiming at a more normal relationship are official records and cannot be downplayed as perhaps Russo would of what Lechuga and Attwood published, referred to above.

As we saw, these just-begun negotiations came at the very end of ~~the~~ Kennedy ~~administration~~ life. The few official records White uses relating to those negotiations are the last pages of ~~White's~~ his Kennedy and Castro, pages 337-344. Incomplete as they are, they none~~none~~theless ~~makr~~ make it clear separately that Castro could not have been involved in the assassination in any way while he sought to improve relations with Kennedy.

Especially not when the one man in the entire world who could protect him from any invasion and had made that public commitment, was also willing to see if they could not bring their relations closer to normal. That is what Castro would have prized and he needed urgently and what Kennedy has begun.

In reading the four of those official records that were publicly available, as were the Lechuga and Attwood books, it should be remembered that these are far from all the existing ~~and~~, available and relevant official records. They are what White believed was a fair reflection of them.

In thinking of what could have provided motive for the assassination of the President it is not easy not to wonder whether his agreement to ~~negotiae~~ negotiate with Castro and to seek to work toward normalizing relations with him could not have been motive enough for the army of Castro-haters here and abroad.

That ~~there is~~ White has no word about Kennedy wanting to assassinate Castro goes without saying because there was no basis for any such word. 2 Aug

But ~~then~~ Russo, the self-proclaimed but phony expert, could not have written his ticket to fame and fortune if he had restricted himself to the publicly available truth.

Could this go, after an extra space, at the end of the chapter in which the Castro-Kennedy beginning of negotiations is mentioned?

Instead of as an epilogue?

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